

Air Force Prime Time, a weekly news magazine for and about airmen stationed overseas, airs Thursday evening at 8:25 p.m. Central European Time on AFN television. In this week's edition, new European gun laws lay down guidelines for who can own firearms in Germany. Air Force wants every gas mask checked for defects and more.



News briefs

Lieutenant colonel selectees

The calendar year 2000A central line, judge advocate general, chaplain, medical service corps, nurse corps, biomedical sciences corps lieutenant colonel board selected 1,511 officers for promotion to lieutenant colonel. The board convened Nov. 28 to consider 9,261 majors for promotion.

The entire list is posted on the Air Force Personnel Center's Web page at www.afpc-randolph.af.mil.

Members of the 52nd Fighter Wing selected are majors:

■Deborah Beatty, 52nd Medical Operations Squadron

■Michael Butel, 52nd Aerospace Medicine Squadron

■Myra Evans-Manyweather, 52nd Comptroller Squadron

■Scott Kiser, 52nd Contracting Squadron

■James Peterson, 81st Fighter Squadron

■Michael Stickney, 52nd Component Repair Squadron

■Terry Watkins, 52nd Civil Engineer Squadron

■Chaplain Karl Wiersum, 52nd Fighter Wing Chaplain Office (Information contributed by Air Force Print News)

March's lower BAS rate

Wing members can expect their March 1 pay to be lower because the enlisted Basic Allowance for Subsistence and Cost of Living Allowance is less since February only has 28 days. Officer BAS isn't affected because it's a 30-day entitlement rather than being based on a daily rate.

Call Staff Sgt. Pamela Belala of the 52nd Comptroller Squadron at 452-6257 for details.

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Left to right, Tech. Sgt. George DeSheilds and Master Sgt. Paul Salter, 52nd Civil Engineer Squadron Fire Protection Flight, prepare a one-ton chlorine cylinder used for simulating valve leaks.

Firefighters take HazMat 103

By Senior Airman Jennifer Lindsey
52nd Fighter Wing Public Affairs Office

Eleven more Spangdahlem Air Base firefighters recently reached the highest level in handling hazardous materials thanks to a new class offered here Feb. 12. Upon graduating Wednesday, the students instructed by the flight's own hazmat train-the-trainers moved up from a defensive posture in mitigating volatile chemicals to an offensive posture where they can control an incident.

"At the technical level, students are trained on how to safely use specialized equipment and uniforms, and know how to work with the base's more commonly used hazardous materials," explained Tech. Sgt. George DeSheilds, 52nd Civil Engineer Fire Prevention Flight safety officer and class instructor. "We're focusing on knowing how to handle real-world situations."

Currently, Spangdahlem Air Base has eight people trained at

incident-command and train-the-trainer levels who are authorized to teach other members and to manage emergency response members during a fuel spill or chemical leak. After class graduation, the base gained a total of 19 people trained in how to get a hazardous material situation under control.

"It feels good knowing we can actually do the job because we've suited up and worked with the equipment, rather than just reading it from a book," said course student, Tech. Sgt. Manuel Makelena. "It makes you feel more assured because you've gone through the moves before."

Some material level-three students are trained on handling include hydrazine, which is used in F-16 emergency power units; flammable and non-flammable fuels; explosives; oxidizers, which fuel fires; and certain radioactive materials.

In addition to learning how to handle hazardous materials, members also learn decontamination procedures.

U.S., British warplanes hit Iraqi military sites

By Gerry J. Gilmore
American Forces Press Service

WASHINGTON — American and British warplanes attacked Iraqi military command, control and communication sites outside Baghdad Feb. 16, defense officials said. No allied aircraft were lost.

Land- and sea-based planes launched "long-range, precision-guided, stand-off weapons" against five Iraqi radar and command, control and communications nodes, said Defense Department spokesman Navy Rear Adm. Craig Quigley at a Feb. 16 Pentagon news briefing.

U.S. Central Command officials requested the attack and it was approved by President George Bush. Twenty-four American and British planes struck the targets located from five to 20 miles from Baghdad. A number of other allied aircraft supported the strike.

Bush, in Mexico in meetings with President Vicente Fox

when the strike occurred, said, "Saddam Hussein has got to understand we expect him to conform to the agreement he signed after Desert Storm. We will enforce the no-fly zone, both south and north.

"Our intention is to make sure the world is as peaceful as possible and we're going to watch very carefully as to whether or not he develops weapons of mass destruction. And, if we catch him doing so, we'll take the appropriate action."

Marine Corps Lt. Gen. Gregory Newbold, director of operations for the Joint Chiefs of Staff, said the purpose of the mission was to "degrade and disrupt" the Iraqi air defense infrastructure. During the past two months, he added, the Iraqis have become more accurate in radar-targeting American and British planes patrolling the Southern No-Fly Zone.

"The attack was made in defense and response" to an

increased Iraqi threat against American and British aviators, Newbold said. No coalition planes, he added, crossed the 33rd Parallel, the northern border of Operation Southern Watch.

Coalition aviators have flown patrols over northern and southern Iraq since the end of the Gulf War to prevent Saddam Hussein from threatening his neighbors, DOD officials noted.

In the aftermath of the airstrikes, Secretary of Defense Donald Rumsfeld said in a DOD news release, "The objective of today's mission by coalition forces was to degrade Iraqi air defense capabilities and thus reduce the threat posed to coalition aircraft and aircrews. The specifics of the mission were planned by the military commander in the field, and were presented to and approved by the national command authorities. The administration intends to enforce the no-fly zones in Iraq and will take appropriate steps to reduce the threats to coalition forces engaged in this mission."

Officials announce individual, unit awards

U.S. Air Forces in Europe officials recently announced unit and individual award winners in airfield operations, supply and fuels, and maintenance for 2000.

Airfield operations

■ Staff Sgt. Timothy Gibson, 52nd Operations Support Squadron, air traffic control watch supervisor

■ Staff Sgt. Charissa Allsup, 52nd OSS, airfield management NCO

■ Staff Sgt. Ricardo Young, 52nd OSS, air traffic control training achievement

■ Tech. Sgt. Frederick Soechting Jr., 52nd OSS, terminal instrument procedures specialist

Maintenance professional

■ Tech. Sgt. Gregory Rogers, 52nd Component Repair

Squadron, jet engine intermediate maintenance production supervisor

■ Senior Airman Kyle Mickelsen, 23rd Fighter Squadron, aircraft armament systems technician

Supply and fuels

■ Capt. Jason Southerland, 52nd Supply Squadron, fuels officer

Traffic management

■ 52nd Transportation Squadron Traffic Management Flight, best traffic management office

Officials from the 52nd Fighter Wing announced recent individual award winners and achievements in leadership, professionalism and innovation.

IDEA program

■ Tech. Sgt. David Grassie, 372nd Training Squadron, Detachment 17; \$200

■ Staff Sgt. Thomas Jones, 372nd TRS; \$200

■ Senior Airman Christopher Strickland, 52nd Equipment Maintenance Squadron, \$200

Presidential fitness award

■ James Brown, eighth grade and Adam Ostrand, sixth grade, Bitburg Middle School

Pack 161 Cub Scout promotions

■ Johnny and Willie Fisher - Bobcat rank

■ Bobby Young and Patrick Williams - Bear rank



Airman 1st Class Michelle Roquid

Fuel check

Private Darren Hunter of the British Army checks a fuel tank Feb. 13 at the 606th Air Control Squadron compound on Spangdahlem Air Base. The unit conducted real-world training in preparation for a deployment to Bosnia in the spring.

Accidents

By Senior Airman Cassandra Watts
52nd Security Forces Squadron
Reports and Analysis

Four major and eight minor accidents took place in the past week. Two of the major accidents resulted from inattentive driving.

The first major accident occurred when an American driver, who was reading a map while driving, lost control of the vehicle, swerved across the middle lane and struck a guardrail. The driver escaped uninjured.

The second accident happened when a driver looked in his rear view mirror to check on a child in the backseat. When the driver looked back at the road, it was too late to avoid hitting the stopped car ahead. The driver of the vehicle hit from behind suffered injuries.

Drivers must put all their attention on

the road. Drivers who don't, may put their lives and other's lives in jeopardy.

Three of the minor accidents resulted from improper backing, and one resulted from traveling too fast for road conditions.

A total of 65 traffic citations were issued this week. Eleven were for violations that occurred while traveling on B-50.

The installation commander has ordered a no-passing policy, stating members of the 52nd Fighter Wing may not pass on B-50 between Binsfeld and the Bitburg Annex unless the vehicle the driver intends to pass is traveling at or less than 40 kilometers per hour. This past week, the wing had four traffic complaints concerning passing on B-50. Violation of the policy results in a seven-day suspension of driving privileges if cited by security forces.

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OTS selectees

Wing officer training school selectees include Staff Sgt. Christopher Willis, 52nd Component Repair Squadron; Staff Sgt. Jeffrey Quick, 52nd Equipment Maintenance Squadron and Senior Airman William Koch, 81st Fighter Squadron.

Housing area construction

Spangdahlem base housing water distribution line replacement begins Wednesday. The contractor starts in building 451 and continues toward buildings 401 and 402.

Areas most affected by the construction are parking and common areas in front of the housing units. Parents should encourage children to stay clear of the construction sites for safety. Call Staff Sgt. Sandra Butler at 452-7214 for more information.

Software training

Abeginners HTML class takes place noon to 4:30 p.m. Tuesday in Room 115, building 107. Call the 52nd Communications Squadron Software Training Programs Office at 452-5384 for details.

Eliminating SSN's on checks

DALLAS — Army and Air Force Exchange Service shares the concern that the use of Social Security numbers on checks is an open invitation for identity theft.

In an effort to eliminate the need for Social Security numbers on checks, AAFES has set up a three-phase process. The first phase was a pilot "proof-of-concept" test conducted in November 2000 at five military installations. These sites were at the AAFES headquarters store in Dallas; the Fort Sam Houston military clothing sales store, service station and shopette; and the Lackland Air Force Base MCSS, shopette and Autopride in San Antonio, Texas.

Currently, AAFES cashiers enter the Social Security number of the sponsor of the check. However, under the new system, the Social Security number of the person presenting the check is entered. This is done by taking the Social Security number off the presenter's ID card. The Social Security Number isn't required on the check. The check is scanned, reading the routing number, account number and check number.

The testing period began in early February. If the program works, a world-

wide rollout begins in early April.

AAFES bonus bonds

DALLAS — The Army and Air Force Exchange Service coupon program, "You Made the Grade," is about to get better.

This year, in cooperation with the Procter & Gamble Company, Inc., AAFES increases the value of the January sweepstakes drawing from \$10,000 to \$60,000. Additional drawings for \$10,000 each take place in April, July and October for a total of \$90,000.

Twenty-seven students will win savings bonds, and thousands of others will take home coupon packages worth \$50 in brand-name discounts.

To participate, students should bring their B-average or better report cards to their local AAFES main exchange to receive their coupon packages. Sweepstakes entry forms are included in the coupon packages, and should be mailed to the address shown on the form. Students may receive one coupon package per report card and may enter the sweepstakes only once every three months.

Call the Spangdahlem Air Base Exchange at 452-6851 for details.

GOVs for official use only

Using government vehicles for personal reasons is a violation of public law. Defense Department and Air Force instructions provide guidance on the official use of government vehicles.

Report suspected government vehicle misuse to the wing transportation squadron at 452-6610 or 452-6611. Provide vehicle registration number, type of vehicle, date, time and location vehicle was seen.

Bush on overseas commitments

FORT STEWART, Ga. — President George W. Bush said he is concerned about overextending U.S. troops with peace-keeping duties.

"While my administration will honor the commitments previous administrations have made, we will be very sparing in how we commit our troops overseas," Bush said during an American Forces Information Service interview Feb. 12.

He said he understands frequent deployments wear on morale, and he doesn't want to see that happen. (American Forces Press Service)



Photos by Tech. Sgt. Rich Romero
Above, Lorna Hughes, Geilenkirchen Elementary School fourth-grader, works on an Accelerated Math practice exercise. At left, Karen Clark, combined fourth and fifth grade class teacher, helps Daniel Tully, fourth grade, on a math exercise.



Gabriel Artero, GES fourth-grader, checks the printer for Accelerated Math practice exercises.

Schools praise program that gives students. . .

THE BLUES

By Tech. Sgt. Rich Romero
52nd Fighter Wing Public Affairs Office

Students at both Spangdahlem Middle and Geilenkirchen Elementary schools have the blues and the teachers love it.

Thanks to a new computerized math program — Accelerated Math and STAR Math Assessment — introduced into both schools this year, students are driven by instant feedback and increased achievement, said John Allan, GES principal. Their success is denoted on the computer by a blue square.

Allan explained teachers assign objectives to the class or individual student and the Accelerated Math software generates unlimited practice assignments tailored to each student. Students complete the assignments with paper and pencil, transfer the answers to a bubble card and then scan it. When student practice and exercise mastery of an objective, the student takes a test. Accelerated Math automatically scores the assignment and provides immediate, individualized constructive feedback to student and teacher. Afterward, teacher and student confer on skills that need improvement.

Even after students demonstrate mastery of an objective, practices and exercise sheets regularly review previously mastered areas.

"I really like the program," said Karen Clark, fourth and fifth grade combined class teacher at GES. "Last month, we did an activity and never opened a textbook. Just through class discussion, the students passed six of 10 objectives without even cracking a book."

"I want to ensure the students learn math and progress year long. This program accomplished that."

Another component — STAR Math Assessment — is a computer-adaptive test and database that allows teachers to

accurately assess students' math abilities in about 15 minutes, he said. The assessment provides information on what needs to be done to progress and identifies math skills students have already mastered. Results are used by student and teacher to set math goals.

"The beauty of the program is teachers select objectives in alignment with (Department of Defense Dependent Schools) curriculum," Allan said. "In our school improvement plan, math is our instructional focus. As a result, we place an emphasis on mathematics. Our goal is to increase student achievement, and Accelerated Math does that."

Both schools folded the program into their mathematics curriculum through different approaches, but the results mirror one another.

In the 245-student kindergarten through sixth grade Geilenkirchen school, Accelerated Math started in August in fourth through sixth.

"We can really see the power of this," Allan said. "We gave the

STAR assessment in August and again in December. In that time, average student scores went up an unheard of 16 national percentile points. Testing shows with Accelerated Math the students are making significant progress."

Spangdahlem Middle School initially limited the program to seventh and eighth grades, and some younger students who needed help with their math skills. After seeing the results, the school began using it in all classes last month as a supplement to its overall math curriculum.

"What amazed us was to see just how well some of the children were actually doing in math following the STAR assessment," said Dr. Donna Warner, SMS principal. "For example, we found seventh- and eighth-graders who did

We can really see the power of this.

Principal John Allan



Airman 1st Class Michelle Rouquid

Second chances

Ela Payne, Penny Lane thrift shop volunteer, tidies the toy room before opening Tuesday. The shop holds a winter clearance sale 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. March 3. Ticketed items are offered at 50 percent off. Call Payne at 06561-4514 for more information or to volunteer at the shop.



In the classrooms



Bitburg High School Principal: Marjorie Lewallen at 453-7937

March 2 — Read Across America Day celebrating Dr. Seuss's birthday.

March 11-15 — Music honors fest at Bad Kissingen.

March 12-15 — Terra Nova testing.

March 15-17 — Drama fest at Kaiserlautern.

March 17 — Boy's and girl's soccer at Wiesbaden; girl's softball vs. Baumholder 10 a.m. at home.

March 21 — Educational Planning Day. No school for students at BHS only.

March 22 — Celebrating the arts at 6 p.m. in the Spangdahlem Air Base gymnasium.

March 24 — Boy's and girl's soccer at International School of Brussels.

March 24 — Girl's softball at Kaiserlautern.

March 24 — Track at Ramstein AB.

March 31 — Boy's and girl's soccer 10 a.m. at home; track at Ramstein AB; girl's softball vs. Patch Barracks 10 a.m. at home.

Bitburg Middle School Principal: Ginny Briggs at 453-7110

Thursday — Buddy pictures.

March 6 — Parent, Teacher and Student Association meeting and nominations at 6 p.m. in Room 302.

March 8 — School Advisory Committee meeting at 3:15 p.m. in the information center.

March 9 — Student activity night at 6 p.m. in the gymnasium and auditorium.

March 12-16 — Terra Nova testing.

March 22 — Celebration of the arts at 6 p.m. in the Spangdahlem AB gymnasium.

March 23 — Chariots of the sun mythology presentation during the school day. National Junior Honor Society student dance at 6 p.m. in the auditorium.

March 26-30 — Hinterbrand Lodge trip.

Bitburg Elementary School Principal: Susan Ussery at 453-7215

March 5 — Faculty meeting at 3 p.m. in the conference room.

March 9 — Early dismissal of students at 11 a.m. for BES students only.

March 12-16 — Terra Nova testing.

March 12 — School Improvement Leadership Team meeting at 3 p.m. in the information center.

March 14 — School Advisory Committee meeting at 3:15 p.m. in the information center.

March 19 — School home partnership meeting at 3 p.m. in the information center.

Spangdahlem Middle School Principal: Dr. Donna Warner at 452-7205

Thursday — Principal's chat at 6 p.m. in the principal's office. School Improvement Leadership Team meeting at 4 p.m. in the information center.

March 12-16 — Terra Nova testing.

March 23 — Parent, Teacher and Student Association carnival 5:30-8:30 p.m. in the school.

Spangdahlem Elementary School Principal: Ruth Morgan at 452-6881

March 7 — School Advisory Committee meeting at 3 p.m. in the information center.

March 8 — Parent, Teacher and Student Association meeting at 6 p.m. in the school cafeteria with a kindergarten performance.

March 10 — Odyssey of the Mind (Brussels District) Competition in the small gymnasium.

March 12-16 — CTBS testing for third- and fourth-grade students.

March 20 — Deployment Days, sponsored by the family support center and SES, at 2:30 p.m. in the information center.

March 22 — Chariots of the Sun artist, Jeffrey Benoit, performs three shows at 8:15 and 9:30 a.m. and 1:30 p.m. in the school cafeteria.

Math

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extremely well in algebra, but weren't even enrolled in the course. We're going to get those students into algebra classes."

The actual stars of the program, though, are the students themselves. The students are self-motivated for a number reasons, according to Clark.

"They're driven to be a 'blue girl' or 'blue boy' because of the tremendous amount of self-gratification they receive," she said. "It's self-paced so there's no pressure. They're not competing with one another, only with themselves to achieve mastery of an objective."

"Once they become 'blue,' they become a student teacher in that topic and help other students in the class. So you don't have to be the best student in the class. If you can just master one objective, you can serve as a mentor to other students in that area."

Warner feels the students respond so well because it's challenging for them.

"Students really like it because they know what they can do, where they are and it's a challenge," she said. "They enjoy

being challenged. They also know immediately what they need to work on as does the teacher."

Just what do the students think about it? Even they agree.

"It helps kids learn better and faster," said GES fifth-grader John Allan. "You don't feel left out if you're behind other kids. It's a lot easier to catch up."

Moire Corcoran, another fifth-grader and John's classmate, said it's fun because the practice exercises aren't for a grade "so you can go at your own pace."

With any new way of doing business, there was a learning curve, but Allan thinks his school is over that.

"It was a new program, a new way of teaching," he said. "There were software glitches and computer crashes, but that's the exception now not the norm."

Allan admits the new way of teaching is basically a move to a system similar to what the military uses by "teaching to the test;" much different than traditional methods.

The teacher and student teachers teach to a specific objective, he explained. Once the guided practice and the check for

understanding indicates the student can practice independently, practices and exercises are printed and completed by the student. Working in the same format they will experience on the test and on the specific objective that has not yet been mastered, students prepare themselves for success on the test.

"We're not dropping a bomb on them when it's time to test and it doesn't look familiar to anything the student saw previously," he said.

Allan emphasizes the focus is not on doing better than another student or group of students or even getting a higher grade, rather on the specific criteria defined and an individual student's ability to demonstrate mastery.

"The beauty is Accelerated Math provides very specific and repeated exercises related to the test that students will be taking," he explained. "The test is an opportunity for the student to show they have mastered a learning objective. If they don't pass, they can go back to the teacher or mentor for more instruction, practice more and take the test again."

With the success demonstrated in the two Brussels District Department of Defense Dependent Schools, why don't all schools

incorporate Accelerated Math? While it's district funded at GES, it's not cheap. Allan said the software alone is about \$3,000. Add the cost of paper, printers and scanners, the total is about \$7,000.

Dr. Ronald McIntire, Brussels district superintendent, believes schools should select supplemental programs. To be successful, a program needs support of the principal, teachers and parents.

"There are limited funds allocated to the school by DODDS and the district superintendent's office," he said. "The school principal, teachers and parents (through the school advisory committee) decide the priorities for spending the funds distributed to the schools."

"It's the school staff and parents who decide whether to request the necessary funds for a supplementary math program such as Accelerated Math."

Warner said her school is currently trying to get more materials from the district office, or scrounge what it can from its limited budget.

In the meantime, for parents with children in either GES or SMS, seeing their children turn blue is now a plus.



Community Mailbox

Child find

Screenings for children ages 3-4 years old who may have developmental delays take place March 2 in Spangdahlem Elementary School. Call Pat Wynne at 452-5071 for appointments.

Inspirational meeting

The Bitburg Annex Christian Servicemen's ladies seminar meets at 6 p.m. March 2 at Johannes-Kepler Strasse 4, Bitburg flugplatz. The group also meets at 10 a.m. and 1 p.m. March 3. Call 06561-3066 to register or for details.

Black history month event

The Black Cultural Awareness Association sponsors a banquet at 6 p.m. March 3. Location is to be determined. Call David Lewis at 452-7068 or 0175-3749256 for details.

Poland express

A trip to Poland takes place March 9-11. Cost is \$79 per person. Call Pam Chandler at 06561-670467.

Dealing with divorce

A class in caring for children through divorce takes place 2-4:30 p.m. Tuesday in building 161. Call Connie Ketchum at 452-8279 for details or to register.

Scholarships

The Bitburg High School Scholarship Committee accepts applications for scholarships through Wednesday. Seniors interested in applying should visit the school counselor or call 453-7937 for details.

Education office news

■Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University seeks teachers for the technical report writing and math class held on Spangdahlem AB. Call 452-7553 for details.

■Embry-Riddle AU offers airframe and power plant classes. Call 452-7553 or visit the ERAU office in building 131.

■Pick up applications for Term IV spouse tuition assistance at the education office or the Bitburg Annex post office. Deadline for submission is March 2.



Senior Airman Jennifer Lindsey

Stargazers

Spangdahlem Elementary School teacher Kim Sanders teaches third-graders about the constellations inside a Star Lab science center Feb. 12 through today. Students also learned about the mythological stories ancient civilizations created about constellation origins.

■Airman scholarship and commissioning program packages must arrive at AFOTC headquarters by March 15.

■Deadline to submit officer training squadron applications is April 17. Packages with waivers must be submitted by April 3.

The education office offers free walk-in counseling 7:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. each Monday through Thursday and 10 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. each Friday. Call 452-6063 for more information.

Family support center news

■European job seekers meets noon to 1 p.m. Monday in building 307 on Spangdahlem Air Base. Call 452-6422 for details.

■Resume I takes place 8 a.m. Tuesday. Resume II takes place 8 a.m. Wednesday.

Classes take place in Bitburg Annex building 2001, unless listed otherwise. Call the family support center at 453-7491 to register or for more information.

German/American club

The German/American Friendship Club meets at 7 p.m. March 8 in the Hotel Victoria on B-50. Call Gisela Traut at 452-6172 or Bob Onsgard at 452-6058 for details.

Talent show

The Air Force family talent and base-level youth talent contest takes place 6-9 p.m.

March 15. Youth ages 6-18 are eligible to apply. Deadline for entry is March 5. Call 452-7381 for details.

German kindergarten

The Grosslittgen public school has spaces available in kindergarten for children ages 3-6, living in Grosslittgen, Minderlittgen, Schladt, Karl, Himmrod or Musweiler.

Curriculum includes music, art and dance. Instruction is given in German, but classes are open to English-speaking children. Call Alois Debalde at 06575-4400 for more information.

Spring bazaar

The Spangdahlem Spouses and Enlisted Members Club Spring Bazaar takes place noon to 8 p.m. March 16, 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. March 17 and 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. March 18 in Hangars 1 and 2 on Spangdahlem Air Base. More than 100 European vendors sell their wares.

The event is open to all U.S. and NATO ID card holders, but strollers and pets aren't allowed. Call Lorrie Hoskins at 06565-942431 for details.

Girl scouts

Local Girl Scout chapters seek volunteers for lone troop committee chair, treasurer, registrar and events committee chair positions. Call Lisa Denoncour at 06565-944587 for details.

Women's group

Circle of Friends, a new women's group focusing on skills development and opportunities, meets noon to 1 p.m. each Wednesday in the Spangdahlem Air Base housing unit 422-C social room. Call Jennifer Hirshfield at 06562-932982 for details.

Library news

■An Eifel library hours survey takes place March 1-15. Forms are available at both locations.

■The Spangdahlem Air Base library book report contest takes place through March. Contest forms are available at the library front desk. The best entries win prizes.

Call the Spangdahlem AB library at 452-6203 or Bitburg Annex at 453-7056 for details.

Learning new skills

The 52nd Services Squadron skills development center offers the following classes in March:

The following classes take place in building 2002 on the Bitburg Annex. Call 453-6314 for details or to register.

■Quilting takes place 6-8 p.m. each Monday beginning March 19 through April 9. Another quilting class takes place noon to 2 p.m. each Thursday beginning March 22 through April 12.

■A four-session cake decorating class takes place 6-7:30 p.m. March 13, 15, 20 and 22. Cost is \$30.

The following classes take place in building 189 on Spangdahlem Air Base. Call 452-6841 for details or to register.

■Framing takes place 9:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. March 11. Cost is \$25.

■Auto mechanics takes place 5-7 p.m. March 14 and 21. Cost is \$20.

■A two-session scrap booking class takes place 5:30-7:30 p.m. March 14 and 5:30-8:30 p.m. March 15. Cost is \$15.

Parent support

"Mentoring Moms and Parenting Partners" is a support program teaming experienced parents with new parents. Call Dr. Suzanne Furman at 452-8279 for details.

Tutors needed

Bitburg middle and high schools seeks tutors and mentors. Call the high school at 453-7937 or the middle school at 453-7110.

Movies

All movies play at 7 p.m. unless otherwise indicated.

Bitburg Castle

Tonight

Anti-Trust (PG-13)

When a young computer whiz is wooed by a huge Silicon Valley company, he soon discovers his boss has rather nefarious ways around anti-trust complaints.

Saturday

Anti-Trust

Sunday

102 Dalmations (G)

Cruella De Ville is released from prison on good behavior swearing that she will have nothing to do with fur ever again in her life. But, she can't keep her promise and is soon plotting another scheme to get her ultimate Dalmatian coat.

Closed Monday and Tuesday

Wednesday

The 6th Day (PG-13)

Imagine a world free of incurable diseases. A remarkable world in which the one thing that has eluded man since the beginning of time is finally within reach - immortality.

Thursday

Red Planet (PG-13)

Earth has become a dying planet and a new colony on Mars is now humanity's only hope. A team of astronauts sent to Mars struggle to overcome differences in their ideologies when their equipment is damaged and the crew must depend on one another for survival.

Spangdahlem Skyline

Tonight

The Pledge (R)

Detective Jerry Black, a retiring police chief in a small town, has made a promise he can't break. He's pledged to a mother he will catch the killer of her young daughter.

Saturday

The Pledge

Sunday

Dungeons and Dragons (PG-13)

The Empire has long been a divided land - an elite group of magic users and powerless commoners. Savina wants equality for all, but must fight Mage's plot to depose her and establish his own rule.

Monday

Bounce (PG-13)

Buddy is delayed at the airport waiting for a flight. While there, he meets a fellow passenger, Greg, who opts to be bumped. When the flight is resumed, Buddy thinks he's doing a good deed by swapping tickets with Greg. The flight crashes, so Buddy checks on Greg's widow but doesn't plan on falling in love with her.

Tuesday

Proof of Life (R)

With her husband, Peter, kidnapped, Alicia retains the services of a freelance negotiator named Thorne who mounts a bold operation to rescue Peter that could as easily result in disaster as in triumph.

Closed Wednesday and Thursday

Times and movies are subject to change.
For the most current information,
call 453-7541.



Iris Reiff

A group dressed as the United State's Statue of Liberty march in last year's Fasching parade in Wittlich. Fasching events have become an important economic factor for Germany as cities invest millions of marks in its celebration.

Fasching parades fill village streets

Thousands of costumed visitors celebrate Germany's 'silliest' holiday

By Iris Reiff
52nd Fighter Wing Public Affairs Office

Fasching is now in full swing in Germany and continues through Tuesday. Celebrations attracting the most attention are the parties along the Rhine River.

Although most villages hold their own Fasching parades Sunday or Monday, the most famous parades take place Monday in Koln, Mainz, Duesseldorf, Aachen and Munich. Here people can find typical big-city events and spectacular shows.

Thousands of visitors stand in the streets,

cheering singing and dancing. Children often bring bags to collect the candies and sweets Fasching fools throw to parade crowds. Additionally, people can watch the parades at 11 a.m. Monday on German television.

Masquerade balls also take place now through Wednesday at local guesthouses and other public gathering places. Typically, people dressed in the most creative masked costumes win prizes in contests, often taking place between 9:30 p.m. and midnight.

Midnight Tuesday marks the end of

Fasching and the beginning of the Lenten season. This year, Lent begins Wednesday. Traditionally, Catholic families attend a special Mass on Ash Wednesday, in which a priest marks an ash cross on the forehead. In the evening, families meet for a herring dinner marking the distinction of the season.

During the 40 days of Lent, Catholics also abstain from public amusement and maintain other personal restrictions.

Lent ends with Germany's next big celebration, Easter, which takes place April 15-16 this year.



Out and about



■Evening Fasching parades take place tonight in Mesenich and Newel.

■Trier area Fasching parades take place at 2 p.m. Sunday in the suburb of Trier-Euren and at 1 p.m. Sunday in the suburbs of Trier-Irsch and Trier-Pfalzel. Other parades take place at 1 or 2 p.m. in Schweich, Leiven, Kordel, Ralingen, Trierweiler, Schoden, Freudenburg, Schoendorf, Waldrach and Gusenburg. Monday in the center of Trier and in Trier-Ehrang, in the suburbs of Trier-Biewer and Trier-Ruwer. Ask a German friend for parade start times or locations not listed.

■Local Fasching parades take place at 4 p.m. Saturday in Bernkastel-Kues; at 3:11 p.m. in Klausen-Krames; at 3:30 p.m. Sunday in Biersdorf am See; at 2:11 p.m. in Bitburg, including a children's parade. More take place in Doerbach, Preist, Orenhofen, Salmthal, Plein, Bruch, Hetzerath, Platten, Niederkaill, Burg, Pluetscheid, Roderhausen, Koerperich, Niederpruem, Buedesheim, Kyllburg, Badem, Burbach/Balesfeld, Wittlich-Plein, at 2:11 p.m. in Manderscheid and Wednesday in Langsur.

■Fasching sessions take place Saturday at the Speicher parish home, in Wissmannsdorf, in Huettingen, in Hetzerath, at the Landscheid Eifelhall hall, at the Badem Gemeindehalle, at the Pickliessem Gemeindehalle, at the Trier Europa Halle and Sunday in Dudeldorf. Other villages may also host a session between now and Ash Wednesday.

■Other Fasching celebrations include a prize masquerade ball taking place Sunday in Gransdorf and a men's Fasching celebration at 8:11 p.m. Sunday in Arenath. A masquerade ball takes place Monday in the Trimport Youth House and in Badem.

■Rose Monday parades take place Monday in the center of Trier, Landscheid, Dudeldorf, Altrich, Osann, Idenheim, Waxweiler, Daleiden, Wallendorf, Ferscheiler, Neuerburg, Pruem, Pickliessem, Gransdorf, Oberkaill, Rittersdorf, at 2:11 p.m. Monday in Niederoefflingen, Gladbach, Kroev, and Tuesday in Minderlittgen and in the Landscheid Eifelhall hall.

■Children's entertainment takes place at 1 p.m. Saturday in Baustert, at 2:11 p.m. Sunday in the Bergweiler Burgersaal, in the Trier Europa Halle, at the Altrich Feldscheune; Monday at the Ehlenz Gemeindehaus, at the Biersdorf Buergerhaus, at 2:11 p.m. at the Bettingen Youth House; Tuesday at the Huettingen Saal Zender, at 2:11 p.m. in Arenath, at the Haus des Gastes, in Kyllburg and in Arenath.

■Visit a flea market Sunday inside and outside the Trier-Feyen Flohmarkt hall; in front of the Trier-Zewen Extra Markt supermarket and in front of the Landstuhl Kaufhall/Toom Markt stores.

■The Eifel Wanderers Rothenburg volksmarch takes place Saturday. Activities include shopping and visiting a toy and medieval museum. Cost is \$20

for adults and \$10 for children. Non-walkers are also welcome for an additional cost. Departures take place at 6 a.m. from Bitburg Annex and at 6:30 a.m. from Spangdahlem Air Base. Call Theresa Stevens at 06569-963184 or e-mail chatterbox@gruenevald.de.

■A photo art exhibition, featuring winter landscapes, can be seen through Sunday in the Luxembourg Phototek. For details or for a city map, call the Luxembourg tourist information office at 00352-42828225.

■Listen to a classical concert by the Fortepiano-Trios Ensemble at 5 p.m. March 11 at the Bernkastel-Kues Cusanus Geburtshaus or Birth House. Compositions include those by Haydn, Berger and Nyquist. Entry is 25 DM per person. Call 06531-3000 for tickets.

■Lichter ballet school students and the Bernkastel Chamber Orchestra perform at 4 p.m. March 31 and April 1 in the Bernkastel-Kues Moselland hall. Tickets prices range from 15 to 20 DM and can be obtained by calling 06531-3000.

■Listen to the music of Glenn Miller performed March 23 at the Trier Europa Halle or a jazz concert by the Kenny Wheeler Quartett May 3 at the Trier Tuchfabrik. Magic Of The Dance tap show takes place April 4 at the Bitburg Edith Stein school. Tickets can be obtained from the Trierischer Volksfreund Press Center by calling 0651-145990.

Information, Tickets and Tours offers the following tours in March. Call the Spangdahlem Air Base Community Activities Center at 452-6567 or the Bitburg Annex community center at 453-7120 for details.

■Poland shopping express, March 2-3. Cost is \$75 for a single seat, \$95 for a double for one person.

■Paris express, March 3. Cost is \$89 for adults, \$75 for children ages 3-17.

■Three countries express, March 3. Cost is \$75 for adults, \$70 for children ages 3-12.

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The outdoor recreation program sponsors the following trips in March. Winter hours are 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Monday through Friday. Call 452-7176 for details.

■Snow bus special to Feldburg, Germany; March 3-4. Cost is \$90 per person. Minimum age is 14.

■Indoor climbing wall trip, March 10. Cost is \$25 per person. Minimum age is 14.

■Underground mountain biking, March 11. Cost is \$30 biking only; \$50 with two-hour spa. Minimum age is 10.

■Luxembourg cave rappel, March 17. Cost is \$30 per person. Minimum age is 14.

■Castle, cave and spa in Valkenburg, the Netherlands; March 18. Cost is \$45 per person with spa; \$20 without. Minimum age is 18.

Barons JV scores big in Division II Championship

JV maintains three-year winning streak with 24-1 record; varsity team takes second

By Denny Lemmon

Bitburg High School girl's basketball coach

Two wins this past weekend over Allied Forces North in Holland secured the third consecutive Division II North League Championship for the Bitburg High School girl's junior varsity team.

With the 32-9 win Feb. 16 and 39-14 victory Saturday morning, the JV Lady Barons wrapped up the regular season with an 18-0 league record. The squad finished the entire season with only one loss against the Division I Heidelberg Lady Lions. Prior to that game, the Lady Barons had won 24 consecutive games.

Against the AFNORTH Lady Lions, the Lady Barons employed a swarming defense. An early big lead allowed JV Coach Rik Carr to substitute freely throughout the game. Freshman Janise Russ led all scorers with 26 points and 10 steals. Sophomore Katie Carr scored 15 and nabbed seven steals.

The varsity Lady Barons also completed their Department of Defense Dependent

Schools schedule with two hard fought wins over AFNORTH - 36-24 Feb. 16 and 30-20 Saturday.

The varsity team finished second in the Division II North League with a 4-2 record, losing two close games in Brussels to the International School Red Raiders. Overall, the Lady Barons went 12-3 on the season.

Against the AFNORTH Lady Lions, Bitburg had to play the two-game series without two starters. Kimberly McLearn had to return to the states on emergency leave and Brittany Sanders sprained her ankle early in the game Feb. 16. With the loss of two key players, the Lady Barons had a difficult time getting its offensive focus.

In game one, the Lady Barons led 16-14 at the half, and pulled the game out with the defense holding AFNORTH to just 24 points in the last two periods.

Wesley Canada and Crystal Bessler led the Lady Barons offensive attack with 14 and 11 points, respectively. They also did the work on the boards pulling down a combined 15 rebounds.

Again in game two, the squad seemed to have even more difficulty generating an offense. Neither team could find the net and the half-time score was 11-7. In the second half, junior guard Constance Maziel sparked the Lady Barons with eight of her game high 12 points. Russ and Carr did a commendable job filling in for the two missing senior starters. Canada was the workhorse in the rebounding department on Saturday pulling down nine boards.

The Lady Barons wrap up the season competing in the Central European Basketball Tournament at Mannheim, Germany. The games began Thursday and continue through Saturday afternoon when the finals takes place. The tournament consists of the best 36 teams throughout Europe. It is set up so schools will be competing against other schools throughout Europe with similar enrollment size.

Start times for Saturday in the Benjamin Franklin Sports Arena where six teams will be crowned champions are: Division III girls at noon, boys at 1:30 p.m.; Division II girls

at 3:10 p.m., boys at 4:50 p.m.; and Division I girls at 6:35 p.m., boys at 8:20 p.m.

If the Barons want to be competitive in this tournament, they are going to have to step forward and show a more powerful offensive attack than they did against AFNORTH last weekend, according to the coaching staff.

"With big victories over Division I Ramstein and Heidelberg, we have the potential to play with the best in Europe," Carr said. "If everyone is present and healthy, the Barons have the talent and skill to become the champions of Division II."

Varsity box scores

Maziel 17 points 6 rebounds 2 assists 2 steals; Canada 16 15 3 3; Bessler 15 13 0 0; Russ 8 9 3 4; Carr 4 7 0 7; Sanders 2 2 0 1; Elizabeth Regalado 2 2 0 0; Jessica Wood 2 1 0 0.

JV box scores

Russ 26 points, 1 rebound 1 assist 1 steal; Carr 15 10 7; Jessica Wood 6 3 4 13; Deneshia Roberson 6 4 1 0; Quenessa Bush 6 5 0 2; Laura Piccolo 6 5 0 2; Jennifer Redfoot 4 2 2 5; Miranda Lavey 4 3 0 3; Andrea Drake 0 2 0 1; Alisha Bush 0 3 0 3.

Eifel sports world

Dart tournament

The 3rd Annual Christie Elms Memorial Dart Tournament takes place at 6 p.m. Saturday in the American Legion Post 20. All proceeds go to the National Meningitis Trust, a medical research organization dedicated to finding treatments and a cure for various forms of meningitis. Call Post 20 at 06565-2192 after 4:30 p.m. Tuesday through Saturday for details.

Health and wellness center news

■The tobacco cessation four-session course meets at 9 a.m. March 7. The course offers practical methods to quitting the habit.

■A two-session class on stress management takes place at 3 p.m. March 13 and 27. The course offers various techniques in reducing and controlling stress.

■Fitness 101, offering tailored exercise programs for course participants, takes place at 10 a.m. March 15.

■Learn about the new Body Master equipment in weight training 101 taking place at 2 p.m. March 19.

■Women of Iron, a class teaching resistance training basics, takes place at 2 p.m. March 22.

All classes take place in building 192. Call 452-9355 for details.

Football

The Langefeld Longhorns seeks players for the 2001 season, especially skill positions and defense. Season runs May through September. Call Coach Simon Gorz at 0212-200693 or 0173-2607838 for details.

Rodeo

The Spangdahlem Air Base rodeo team seeks new members to compete in the European Rodeo Cowboys Association competition. Call Travis Beck at 06561-949669 or Daniel Wagley at 06561-670298.

Basketball court closure

The Spangdahlem Air Base fitness center basketball



Courtesy photo

Equal rivals

Tech. Sgt. Rick Roberts lands an overhand right to the head of World Boxing Association Lightweight champion Takanori Hatakeyama, during their title fight Feb. 18 at Ryogoku Kokugikan Sumo Arena, Tokyo. The fight ended in a draw.

court remains closed through Tuesday for the annual awards banquet. For more information, call the center at 452-6634.

Eifel Lanes bowling news

■The Eifel Lanes Bowling Center offers family discounts noon to 5 p.m. each Sunday.

■League bowlers practice for only \$1.50 a game 11 a.m.

to 4 p.m. Monday through Friday. Bowlers must present a current ABC/WIBC card to receive the reduced price.

Call the Eifel Lanes Bowling Center at 452-6217 for details.

Golf

The Icebreaker Golf Tournament takes place at 9 a.m. March 24 at the Spangdahlem Air Base golf course. Teams consist of four people, 18-hole select shot. Cost is \$10 per person plus green fees. Call 452-6821.

Racquetball

A racquetball tournament takes place March 24-25 in the Spangdahlem Air Base fitness center. Registration fee is \$20 before March 9. Cost for two matches is \$5. Call Staff Sgt. Susan O'Donnell at 452-6634 for details.

Kick-boxing aerobics

Classes take place at 6:30 a.m. Monday and Wednesday, and at 8 a.m. Tuesday and Thursday at the Spangdahlem Air Base fitness center. Cost is \$3 per class or \$25 monthly. Call 452-6496 for details.

Youth sports

■Youth baseball registration continues through March 30.

■Operation Night Hoops, a basketball league designed exclusively for base teens, takes place March 2-April 7. The activity is open to youth ages 13-18 age who are activity cardholders. Registration continues through Wednesday. Volunteers are also needed to help mentor and coach.

■A free intramural indoor soccer program is available for all youth program ID card holders. Registration continues through February. Volunteers are also needed to monitor the program.

■The new Eifel Youth Sports office is in building 2007 on Bitburg Annex and in building 125 on Spangdahlem Air Base. Call 453- 6274 or 452-6729 concerning youth sports programs.